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THE CLOTHIER.
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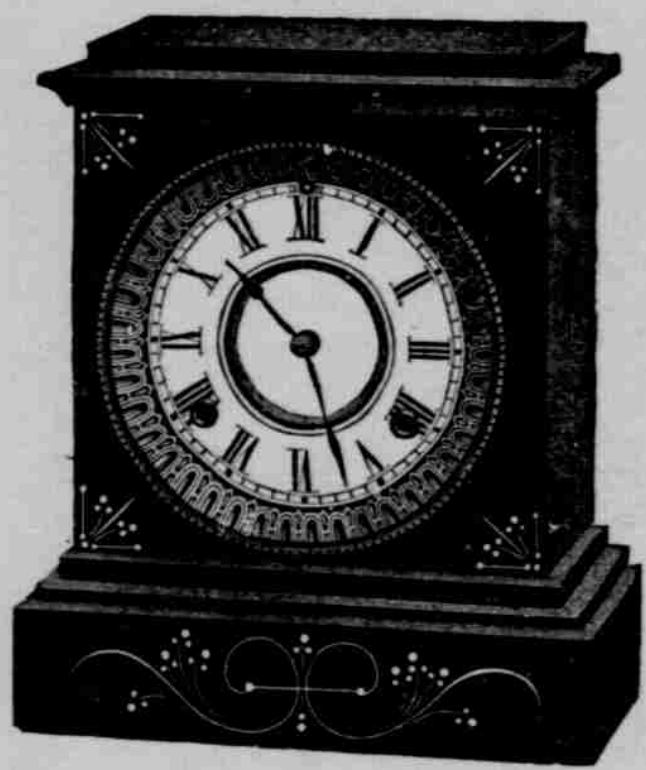
All of our Choice Goods, Overcoats, Clothing, Underwear, Hats, Cloth and Plush Caps, Shoes for Men, Women and Children, Boots, felt, leather and rubber.

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Think of the storms and blizzards of our climate. December, January, February and March, four months of cold weather and then answer us. We have on sale a fine line of Men's and Boys' Overcoats, ranging in prices from \$1 to \$20. Our entire second floor devoted to fine overcoats.

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We have the largest assortment of Watches and Clocks in the county, and

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Don't be Too Late.

Make your selections and we will keep them for you. We are the most accommodating people on earth and if you don't believe it, give us a call and become convinced. We keep

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A New Industry.

It is rumored, upon very good authority that Plymouth may have a new factory in the near future. Certain parties have carefully looked over the ground with an idea of locating a plant for manufacturing organ cases, and fine furniture of that class. The Behrens property west of the L. E. & W. track seems to afford good location and facilities for the establishment of such a plant and it is very probable that it will be instituted there if anywhere in Plymouth.

Such a factory as this one would employ a large number of men and be a benefit in more ways than one to this city. The business men and citizens who have any desire to see their city advance, and improve, cannot do too much in their endeavors to induce such an industry as this to locate here. It is to the presence of manufacturing interests that Plymouth, and every other prosperous city, owes its advancement and it is the duty of everyone to put forth special effort to show to the outside world the advantages which Plymouth offers as a manufacturing and mercantile centre. It is said that a meeting of the business men's association will be called in a day or two to consider the matter, and in our next issue we hope to be able to chronicle the important fact that another large manufacturing industry has decided to locate in Plymouth.

A Right Position.

In last week's issue of the Walkerton Independent, appeared an article taking us to task, also criticising us severely regarding the article in our issue of Nov. 9th, concerning the small pox in that place. As far as the statement made at that time under existing circumstances, we believe no apology is necessary, and would submit the following to them:

On Thursday the 8th, reports were circulated in Plymouth, that parties from Walkerton had been on our streets, one of the party being from a house in which small pox had been discovered, and broken out previous to his coming to this place. Also, through this same party a case of small pox was in this city, resulting from this visit.

The INDEPENDENT, in the limited time before going to press, used every means to verify the truthfulness or falsity of the rumor. Being unable to get at the exact facts in the case, and still believing that our people had been exposed to contagion, we published, what our brother of the Walkerton Independent calls an act "of presumption, unfairness and a disregard for facts." We in no way desire to make the burden of our sister city any greater; but we did deem it necessary to sound a note of warning, and that if the report was a fact, that the health officers had allowed those who were under quarantine to leave the premises, they deserved censure.

It is not necessary to say more on this subject. If the case had been vice versa we would have received the same kind of a lecture. And although the editor of the Independent at Walkerton thought at that time we had no good grounds for complaint, we believe he will give us the credit of working and using our best endeavors for the benefit of our citizens.

It Is With Us.

The beautiful city of Plymouth does not need a boom to place her in the front rank among progressive cities. A steady, healthy growth is one of those necessities that is essential to the advancement of any community. This is one of the prominent features connected with Plymouth. Whenever a good thing presents itself to us, and the keen, wide-awake, energetic, hustling business men see it they show their aggressiveness and shrewdness, and appreciation of benefits they are securing for their home, and without a flourish and tooting of horns, they proceed to act.

The growth of a city is like any other business or enterprise. The location of a town may be central and splendid. It may have all that can be desired in the way of site, all the elements of health and advantages that nature may bestow, but it will have no better chance to grow into importance on these accounts than would the most obscure spot on a barren desert, unless those interested in its growth and advancement take advantage of the benefits, and, instead of hiding their lights under a bushel, or even a pint measure, for that matter, let the world know of it, and the great advantages to be derived by investing in the town and by bringing to it large and important manufacturing industries. The success of most of the noted cities in Indiana or the west, which are favorably known and have become prominent as business centers, has only been accomplished by

the faith of men loyal to their home city and who have in season and out of season persistently paraded the advantages of their town before all the world.

In Plymouth, nothing is lacking but unity of purpose. Our business men's association is composed of prominent business men, and while a large number of citizens are not active members, yet they are in accord with its transactions, and with proper encouragement the future prospects of our beautiful city stands second to none.

The stereotyped phrase that such undertakings cost a great deal of money, or that it will have some political effect upon our city in the future, is a bugaboo, and should be relegated to the rear for all time to come.

Room For Improvement.

It is to be hoped that during the performance of "A Clean Sweep," (or any other entertainments for that matter) at the opera house on Saturday night some effort will be made to reduce the "gallery-gods" to a condition of at least good behavior, and have them refrain from the whistling and stamping by which they usually mark their approval of a performance.

The noise and din usually made by these theatre patrons would do credit to an Indian village, but if taken as a mark of good judgment from the young members of a civilized community, it is certainly a nuisance which the citizens of Plymouth have a right to demand should cease. The INDEPENDENT is always on the alert to chronicle anything that may tend to the advancement of our city and county, and though this is a minor matter, it is one in which some marked improvement would be welcome. The prompt application of a little chastisement in the way of a reprimand would act as a check to these unruly and annoying demonstrations, and be a benefit which those who appreciate a theatrical performance would not be slow to recognize.

Indiana Commercial Organization.

And still the wheels of progress and thrift and enterprise move slowly but surely in our great state. It is aptly quoted in one of the famous operas that has in days gone by been popular upon the theatrical stage, that "Love, levels all rank." Thus too, is the fact, that organization, in a just cause, in time levels all opposition that may arise to interfere with the advancing columns of industrial and commercial growth. Through a circular issued by the Indiana Commercial organization, to the Business Men's Association, of Plymouth, which organization has become known abroad, the members met last Friday night in the Masonic club room, and talked over the advisability of the proposition presented to them, of forming a State Commercial and Municipal League.

The object of this organization will be to further the commercial and industrial interests of our state, and other points of interest that pertain to our advancement.

The meeting decided in favor of the forming of a state organization, and President C. T. Mattingly and Secretary O. F. Ketcham, were appointed as delegates to the convention. The call states that the meeting will be held in the Commercial Club Room at Indianapolis at 10 o'clock a. m., on the morning of December 12th, 1894.

The number to attend this meeting is not limited to the two mentioned above, and it is probable that others from Plymouth will attend this the first universal state movement toward the upbuilding of our home institutions. And still the good work goes on.

Infringement Notice.

The following notice has been received by those of our citizens who have had telephones placed in their houses. CENTRAL UNION TELEPHONE CO. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 19, 1894.

DEAR SIR—The central Union Telephone company having within the county of Marshall, State of Indiana, the exclusive right for the American Bell Telephone company's appliances covered by its patents; and having erected and now operating its telephone lines and equipment in reliance upon such rights, hereby gives you the following notice:

"The American Bell Telephone company owns letters patent No. 463,569, granted to Emile Berliner November 17, 1891, for a combined telegraph and telephone, and controls letters patent No. 474,231, granted to Thomas A. Edison May 3, 1892, for a speaking telegraph, which patents cover fundamental inventions and embrace all forms of microphone transmitters and of carbon telephones."

Respectfully,
CENTRAL UNION TELEPHONE CO.
John M. Baker, Superintendent.
A copy of the above letter has been received by each of the subscribers of the telephone exchange here, and has been interpreted by many as a notice of infringement. It will however be seen

by a more careful reading that it only states that the Bell Telephone Co., owns and controls certain patents, which information is not new to any one posted in the telephone situation, and no intimation is made that the users of our phones are using an infringing instrument.

The patents above mentioned relate only to the class known as microphone transmitters, of which the Blake is a typical representation, and in no way bear upon the class in use in Plymouth. The case now before the Supreme Court only affects microphone transmitters and the case cannot affect the Plymouth telephone exchange. We will take pleasure in showing to interested parties copies of each of above mentioned patents also the patents upon which our instruments are based, all of which have expired. We have absolutely nothing to do with Edison or Berliner patents, nor the carbon telephones, and hence, advise our customers to take no notice of the letters above referred to.
W. T. VANVACTOR, Mgr.

A New Deal.

While the trials and vicissitudes of the newspaper man are many, and discouragements more numerous than in other lines of business, yet the bright flashes of sunshine that momentarily illumine his pathway, doubly repay him for all the sleepless nights and weary days of toil he has been subjected to in his efforts to get out a newsy paper for his patrons. It is through no egotistical desire to parade before the citizens of our newly acquired home, that we reproduce the following from the pen of an old patriarch in the newspaper work; but from a heart full of love and veneration for a dear, tried and true friend, who in the days ago saw something of merit in the red headed freckled-faced kid that used to sweep out his office and placed as aforesaid in his paste pot. The writer, Wells Corey is editor of the (Pekin Ill.) Tribune, and has given to the world some of the most brilliant and effective editorials from a republican stand point, as are found in some of the most popular dailies of the present day. He says:

"We are in receipt of several copies of the Marshall County INDEPENDENT published in Plymouth, Indiana. This is a new independent paper, which being out of our bailiwick will not be benefited especially by any notice in the Tribune. But as it is edited and published by A. R. Zimmerman, formerly of the Dwight, Star and Herald and afterwards of a Lemont paper and as Al Zimmerman is one of our boys, who got his training from us and was for many years the life and soul, devil and saint, in our office, we take especial pleasure in what appears to be a most successful entrance in the newspaper world. The INDEPENDENT is chock full of Zimmermanisms, which mean spice, good sense and a due proportion of deviltry, duly compounded with a large proportion of consummate enterprise. God bless you, Al. May you meet with the full measure of success, your pluck, your indomitable energy and your large heart richly deserve, is the earnest wish of your old boss but earnest friend, the editor of the Tribune."

Thanksgiving Day.

According to the declaration of the Governors of the different states, Thursday the 29th day of November is to be observed as Thanksgiving Day. And while we as a nation have gradually drifted into the keeping of this day, and usually look forward to the proclamations issued, it is scarcely understood why this day is set apart, and where the custom first originated.

It is, of course, believed fitting to return thanks to an indulgent creator for the manifested goodness bestowed upon us as a nation for the past year; yet the custom is supposed to be of great antiquity, having according to some learned writers, been taken from the Mosiac law. This, by many is considered doubtful, although the Hebrews were accustomed to celebrate an abundant harvest by public festivals. These festivals were established at the earliest periods.

History tells us that the escape of Lyden, the great painter, was made the occasion of great praise services, while the discovery of the Guy Fawkes plot, was observed in England by thanksgiving services up to within a recent period.

Some are constrained to believe that the custom we observe was transferred from Holland where the "Harvest Home" is a yearly festival. Let that be as it may, there is no doubt, that the origin of Thanksgiving in the United States is due to the festivities held by the early settlers of New England. During our colonial days they were annually celebrated, and it was recommended by the Revolutionary war congress that a day be set aside for thanksgiving and prayer.

A noticeable feature, is the fact, that Thursday, the day always selected by

the Governors of New England, has been universally adopted throughout the United States. The observance first drifted into the middle states, followed by the western states, and finally taken up by the southern states.

Prior to the civil war, the governors of the several states individually issued their proclamation, but during this unpleasantness, and since that time, the proclamation has been issued by the President of the United States.

The first thanksgiving service ever rendered in America was in the year 1621, after the first harvest had been gathered which consisted of twenty acres of corn, six of barley and a few bushels of peas. This first thanksgiving service did not only last an hour or even a day, but for one week they continued to render thanks to the creator for the abundant harvest, as it was to them.

The First Time.

One day last week one of our old respected farmers and his wife, who live near Teegarden, decided to come to Plymouth and have their photograph taken. In the bustle and hurry on this important occasion our worthy farmer friend forgot to do his regular weekly job of shaving, and upon arriving at Plymouth was in a quandary. His wife, after considerable entreaty, persuaded him to go to a barber shop. So, with a demeanor something similar to a guilty school boy he entered a barber shop and awkwardly awaited his turn. After he received the necessary toilet he tendered Pete a quarter and started out of the shop. Being reminded of the change due him he seemed somewhat surprised remarking: "I thought that was what you charged." Then in a gush of confidence he said: "The fact is, Squire, this is the first time I ever was in a barber shop." He seemed highly pleased with his treatment, and no doubt Nicolay has secured another steady customer.

A Creditable Showing.

The business of the Edgerton manufacturing company for the past year shows a gratifying increase and the following facts regarding the business of the year may be of interest to our readers. 467,000 baskets and 90,200 broom handles were made and sold, necessitating an expenditure of \$12,000 for labor and some \$4000 for timber. Continuous employment was furnished to 65 or 75 hands.

New machinery has lately been added to the works and as soon as a sufficient supply of suitable timber can be secured the Edgerton company will commence the manufacture of wagon spokes during the winter months. Such a factory as this is a credit to any city and Plymouth may well be proud of having such a successful industrial enterprise in its midst.

And He Got Left.

We never desire to tell tales out of school, especially upon our brothers of the quill, but a little incident came to our knowledge which we must tell. It relates to our friend Davis, now of North Liberty, but formerly of Knox. It seems he had been down to the latter place on election day, starting for home the next morning. Arriving at Hibbard, and having a little time to spare, he commenced reading the returns and was so overpowered by them that he fell into a stupor, which the rattle and bang of the train for North Liberty could not dispel. When he regained his senses he desired to know how soon his train would arrive. Being informed that it had departed a half hour before, he savagely folded up his political journal, and the last seen of him, he was tearing coupons off his pass as he counted ties between Hibbard and his home.

Committed Suicide.

The Rev. A. Klein, pastor of the German Evangelical church, at Port Huron, Michigan, committed suicide by strangulation Saturday night of the past week, at that place. The Rev. Klein for some time past had been in ill health, and had been in a sanitarium for his complaint.

Rev. Klein was pastor of the church organized at that place by the late Rev. Bofinger, and was at the time of his sad death, occupying the parsonage used as the home of the late pastor of the Lutheran church in this city.

Caned.

Henry L. Jarrell who for the past four years has been sheriff of Marshall county retired from office Monday evening, on Saturday just as court was about to adjourn Judge Capron on behalf of himself and the members of the bar presented Mr. Jarrell with an elegant gold headed cane as a token of their esteem and regard for the courtesy and many kindnesses extended by him, and a slight mark of their appreciation of his efforts as sheriff of this county. Ex-sheriff Jarrell has moved to his farm near Tyner City.